

## APPENDIX I: WITHDRAWING A PETITION

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### WHAT IS THIS DOCUMENT?

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This is part of the Petitioning Kit for petitioning against the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill (**the HS2 Bill**) in the House of Lords and should be read in conjunction with *The High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill: How to Petition against a Hybrid Bill in the House of Lords petitioning kit guide*.

### HOW DO I WITHDRAW A PETITION THAT I HAVE DEPOSITED IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS?

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You may withdraw your petition, if you wish to do so, by giving<sup>1</sup> a letter (or **requisition**) to the House of Lords Private Bill Office, signed by you or your Agent. There is an example letter on the following page. If you are not the only petitioner on your petition, you or any of the other petitioners may withdraw from the petition in the same way leaving the remaining petitioners to continue with their case.

Please note that Session 2015–16 will end at some point between April and June 2016 so, if you withdraw your petition after, say, June you should change the top of the letter to read “Session 2016–17”.

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Please note that the spam filter which Parliament uses occasionally treats a genuine e-mail as spam. You should receive a reply within a day or two of e-mailing at the most except during recess periods when you should receive an out of office reply to the first e-mail you send. If you do not receive a reply you should telephone to check that your e-mail has indeed arrived. If you leave a message please make sure to leave your phone number or e-mail address so that we can contact you.

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<sup>1</sup> You may post the withdrawal letter, fax it, email a pdf of the form or, indeed, hand it to any of the Lords Committee staff.

**TEMPLATE FOR A LETTER REQUESTING THAT A PETITION BE WITHDRAWN**

HOUSE OF LORDS  
SESSION 2015–16

**High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill**

TO THE PRIVATE BILL OFFICE,  
HOUSE OF LORDS

We hereby request to withdraw the Petition of *(name of petitioners)*

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against the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill deposited by us on *(date)* .....

Signature of Petitioner(s) or Agent.....

print name .....

date withdrawn .....

[Private Bill Office: stamp  
with date when received]